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Bugle



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Alport, Middleton and Youlgrave**

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Glowing report for Youlgrave School

Youlgrave, All Saints' C of E Primary School has been praised by a government inspector who undertook a rigorous two-day visit last month. It was rated "good" in all areas and "outstanding" for the behaviour and safety of pupils.

Head Teacher Mrs Heather Stelling was understandably delighted at the vote of confidence in the popular village school. "I feel very privileged to be the Head Teacher of Youlgrave Primary School. I'm so proud of our amazing children and my dedicated team of staff; and I wish to thank our parents and governing body for their ongoing support."

The inspector praised the quality of teaching, the supportive contribution of parents and governors, and the attitude and behaviour of the children themselves who overall make good academic progress. The inspection included classroom observation, examination of the children's work, meetings with staff and governors, and an assessment of parents' views via an online questionnaire and conversations

outside school.

Among the detailed comments in the Ofsted report:

- Subject topics are presented in an enjoyable and stimulating way, such as the recent Alchemy Island for Years 5 and 6 which provided inspiration for science investigations, and the mathematical baking for Years 3 and 4 which taught the children accuracy in measuring.
- Governors provide effective leadership and scrutinise progress properly, while the new Head Teacher has already had a very positive impact on the school, such as building relationships with parents, strengthening safeguarding procedures and tracking pupil's progress.
- The quality of teaching throughout the school has been consistently good and equality of opportunity is widely promoted.
- The children are courteous, caring and their behaviour is outstanding; they are proud of their school, with one pupil telling the inspector: "we



The schoolchildren produced another impressive well dressing this year.

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Youlgrave School, continued from front page

may be a small school but we have big adventures!".

- The school's work to keep the pupils safe and secure is outstanding and the children have a clear understanding that bullying in any form is not acceptable.
- Teachers are adept at planning work for their mixed age groups and teaching assistants play an important and supportive role in the classroom.
- Children develop good skills across a range of subjects; they make good progress in the basic skills of reading, writing and mathematics; and are also encouraged to develop talents in artistic fields, such as music and sport.
- Children also make good progress in Reception class because early years teaching is good and their attitudes to learning and behaviour are very positive.
- The school enjoys a close and supportive relationship with the local community, from the recent VE Day celebration event to producing its own welldressing, as well as its positive links with the church.

Martin Ebbage, Chair of Governors, said: "This Ofsted report is testament to the hard work and commitment of all the staff in our school who have been relentless in their quest for high standards."

The Ofsted inspector also suggested ways that the school could improve its teaching even further that would help it achieve an outstanding rating in all areas.

The full report is available to read or download via the school's website www.youlgraveallsaints.co.uk.

The Bugle now takes its customary summer break and the next issue will appear in the first week of September. Contributions to the address on the inside back page.

Youlgrave Scouts tidy up gardens by the Holywell Lane



Earlier this year the Scout badges and rewards were given an overhaul with some badges being dropped, but also with the introduction of some new badges, one of which is the Community Impact badge. This is a staged badge, which means the more work a Scout puts in the higher level of badge the Scout gains. All the sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) have been working towards this badge this spring. The Beavers and Cubs first had to design a poster about littering and were asked to display it near their homes. They also did a litter pick around the edges of the playing fields, which filled two bin liners of rubbish. The Scouts needed something more challenging, so after consultations with the Parish Council they asked if the Scouts would be willing to tidy up the two pieces of ground at the sides of the toilet block on Holywell Lane. With the help of Cllr Glenys Moore, over a three week period they removed about half a ton of rubble, weeds and overgrown shrubs. Then they dug over the soil and added some new compost and replanted the areas with new plants. So hopefully it now looks a lot better for locals and visitors who use the toilets.

Youlgrave Carnival: well done and thank you

Despite me being arrested by Pommie PD (Michael and Jack Goodwin), a good day was had by all. The weather couldn't have been better, which contributed to a good turnout. Judging proved to be more difficult than I first thought, since everyone had put so much effort into both floats and costumes.

My thanks to our Carnival Committee and all helpers. Without these dedicated few I fear the event would collapse. Well done and keep it up.

Cllr Graham Elliott

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Grateful for your support

Thank you to my dear friends in Youlgrave and district who sent me the lovely cards and letters during my recent stay in hospital and which gave me so much pleasure to receive.

Thank you so much for the kind thoughts and good wishes.

*Love to you all,
Brenda Kenworthy
Youlgrave*



Amy and Paul would like to thank everyone who joined them and helped them in making their wedding day on 23rd May so special.

Bowls Club hosts Youlgrave Playschool

Youlgrave Playschool would like to thank the Crown Green Bowls Club for a lovely visit to the green. The children really enjoyed watching the



demonstrations by Mick Partridge and Diane Harrison. They all had the opportunity to compete in small teams. Despite their age, many have shown real potential.

My Gran's Shop

My Gran and Granddad moved to Youlgrave in 1966, where they opened J & O Hirst shop on Main Street. Bringing a modern MACE shop to a small village in Derbyshire was always going to be daunting but this was soon not to be the case when the people of Youlgrave made them so welcome and were so supportive of their business.

In November 1978 my Gran lost Granddad at the young age of 48 and in stepped my Mum and Dad to help Gran run the shop. This was not so easy, with Dad already having a full time job and a small holding and Mum having Ben aged two and me as a baby. But onwards and upwards the shop went and I could not wait to get involved. As soon as I could reach over the counter I was serving people, even opening up before I went to Youlgrave School to serve the Lady Manners children with sweets so they would sell them on at school – what a group of entrepreneurs we were and many still are (you know who you are!).

Then came the late night opening – what a cracking idea, which took off very well and is still missed now by many. Then there was the video club, with top films to rent in a village shop great for us kids! Nicola and I soon became a fixture on schools holidays and weekends, using many unusual selling methods for



our own fund; and not forgetting the Wednesday night cash and carry unloading the boxes, stacking the shelves and pricing up – for very little wages! Paul even remembers our early dates having to wait for me to finish at the shop!

I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone for such happy, funny and wonderful memories you gave to us all at my Gran's shop. We all treasure them. And for all the many fantastic and kind messages of support in losing my Gran at such a time.

*Many thanks,
Amy*

Jog Run Youlgrave

We've had up to seven people jogging along on TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:30pm. Last jogging session this season on 14 July - get going before the summer holidays. Formal session will start again in September.

Jogging and running for absolute beginners and all runners. Meet at the Scout and Community Hall (outside because it's Scouts meeting night). Every Tuesday from 18:30 to 19:30 - ring me if you'd like to get out at another time. Learn to enjoy jogging with a friendly group and trained leader - much easier than trying on your own!

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Youlgrave Parish Council report

Council has agreed to Derbyshire Dales District Council's request to remove the recycling area at Coldwell End, due mainly to the surface being unsuitable for clean ups caused by the fly tipping. The growing safety problem caused by cyclists taking part in race events through the village was discussed and council is to raise this with the local authorities and cycling bodies. Council has a 1/8 allotment plot still available to rent – please contact the Clerk if you are interested. The creation of a bridleway from Over Haddon to Conksbury Lane now removes the uncertainty over its designation and it was noted that parishioners played a significant role in supplying the historic evidence to enable the county council to reach its decision. Council is to write to the football, cricket and bowls leagues to inform them of the DDDC dog exclusion order now in effect at Alport Lane Playing Fields. (Youlgrave Parochial Church Council is looking for a sponsor to replace the timber to the seat at the top of the church steps that is dedicated to a former Youth Club.)

Matthew Lovell, Youlgrave Parish Clerk
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Saving Recycling at Coldwell End

At the June Parish Council Meeting the councillors voted, by a narrow majority, to ask Derbyshire Dales District Council to remove the recycling bins from the Coldwell End site.

The concerns were:

1. Mess around the bins.
2. Fly tipping at the site.
3. That the contractors require the area around the bins be resurfaced.

The District Council would like to be relieved of the burden of running the site.

The site is very well used and the alternative, for those who have a car, is an eight mile round trip to Darley Dale.

The bins are now emptied weekly resulting in a significant improvement in tidiness of the area.

Fly tipping will, unfortunately, continue whether the bins are there or not – but possibly in areas where it is less easy to deal with.

Many cottages in the village, due to difficulties of access, do not have the possibility of the large blue 'wheelie' bin and rely instead on much smaller boxes/bags for recyclable waste, backed up by

use of the facilities at Coldwell End.

Much of what we buy is now delivered to our doors and always comes with bulky, usually recyclable, packaging. This often does not fit in, or completely fills, the blue bin.

We all are aware of the amount of waste we produce and of the need to recycle wherever possible. This awareness has been encouraged by all levels of government and people have generally responded well. The removal of the facility at Coldwell End can only be a backward step.

For our own sakes and for the sake of the environment we need to do all we can to hang on to the facility. **A reasonable cost for resurfacing the area would be money well spent.**

We urgently need a well-supported petition if we are to save the facility. Please will anyone interested in working together on this get in touch.

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Summer spills over at W.I.

The jam poured out of the pan in the fabulous flower display in Church by Wendy, Jane Ide and Ann Ridgeway (see photo right). Our Centenary was duly recognised by two of our well dressings, and at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party – read the article all about it on the next page. Many thanks go to Jennifer Easton who attended the party and also admirably represented us at the Albert Hall NFWI AGM, accompanied by Judith Birds.

Recent Thursday happenings include a much-praised bell-ringing, thanks to David and Eddie; creating felt corsages, pictures, etc; and painting chocolate stilettos! In July, we will be making mozzarella at Birchover on Tuesday 28 July and enjoying a trip to Worcester on the 22nd.

August offers a day at Wentworth Castle on 19th, plus a visit on the 11th to Marjorie's milking station. To round off a full month, despite having no meeting, our Supper Club event on 27 August sees the popular walk and quiz with another Farmyard Inn light supper. September still sizzles with a sailing session at Carsington, and a day at Harrogate for the big Centennial Show. Craft group will meet on Mondays July 6th and 13th at Jean Stacey's at 2pm. Please check for details of the August/September meetings.

Rumour has it that six of our intrepid members will partake in the 'Tea & Tents' weekend for 500 W.I. members at a secret location in a woodland setting. Should they survive, a report, with evidence, will appear in a future issue!

To celebrate 100 years of the NFWI

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**To an exhibition of W.I. crafts with
cream teas and a musical
performance**

on Sunday 20 September,
3pm at the Village Hall

The July W.I. meeting at 7.30pm at The Village Hall highlights community vigilance in Child Protection by our member Dr Sandy Taylor. The September meeting on the 8th introduces us to gentle Pilates exercises. Please contact any of us if you are interested in joining in one of our many and varied events, and you will be most welcome.

Liz Hickman

All Day Cafe, Reading Room, Sunday 19 July

On Sunday 19 July the Youlgrave- Bangbutt Village Link charity will be holding an All Day Café in the Reading Room. The Café will be open from 10am–5pm and will offer tea, coffee, home made cakes, light lunches and ice cream. In addition there will be a bric a brac stall, plus a warm welcome and the chance to take the weight off your feet and relax – something that should appeal to both villagers and visitors alike. So why not come along and meet old friends or perhaps make new ones? Proceeds from the café will help fund the charity's clean water and mother and infant health projects in Sierra Leone. A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Saturday 10 October. Do-si-do down to the Village Hall for 7pm for a Barn Dance. Further details in a future issue of the Bugle. www.youlgravebangbutt.org.



W.I. Centenary Garden Party at Buckingham Palace

Jacqui and I were lucky to be selected in the ballot to represent Youlgrave WI at this event on 2 June. Even though it was a long day and the weather was cool and windy (but dry), it was an experience I wouldn't have missed!

The Mall was a sight to behold: 8,000 impeccably dressed ladies pouring down from their respective coaches to then queue for the police check-in procedure (passports and address ID)! Everyone had gone to an enormous effort to look their absolute best. We then went through the central arch, across the inner courtyard, through the Palace and out into the Gardens. What a sight – posh tents for serving the Teas, smart ladies everywhere, Yeoman of the Guard in full regalia and two military bands playing alternately in different parts of the main lawn. Plastic chairs blowing in the wind across the lawn rather spoilt the effect (nice to know they also have normal possessions as well though!).

We wandered freely around the whole garden, which is immaculate as you would expect. It is beautifully landscaped with a lake, specimen trees and beautiful roses, azaleas and rhododendrons amongst numerous other plants and trees. Despite the number of ladies, it was still quite easy to find quiet parts in the massive garden.

We then went back in the hope of seeing the Duchess of Cornwall and Countess of Wessex arrive, which they duly did at 3pm to a great cheer. They then mingled in the crowd, guided by the Yeoman of the Guard who all looked very smart in their uniforms. We were waiting in front of the Royal Tent in the hope of catching a closer glimpse of the Royals, but they chatted en route for so long that we were worried we would miss our own tea, as they were supposed to stop serving it at 4pm and it was already 3.45!

There was a lovely spread for tea. Crust-



Jennifer, Jacqui and Joan at Buckingham Palace.

less cucumber and mint, egg, and ham with mustard and cream cheese sandwiches, all beautifully prepared and presented (nothing like the ones I make!). Cakes included fruit cake, delicate slices of Victoria sponge, small buns decorated with raspberries or strawberries and cream, pink Battenburg, small lemon tarts – to mention a few. The highlight for me, as a chocoholic, were melt-in-the-mouth chocolate squares with a lovely crispy base, and topped with a chocolate button embellished with a crown – scrumptious! This delicious fare was served with a cup of tea or glass of iced coffee. Not a paper plate in sight, but also no serviettes either. Tea was rounded off with a delicious tub of vanilla or strawberry ice cream.

We had been told photography was banned from the Palace and the gardens – everyone was snapping away, so we joined them. So we do have a little collection of pictures for us all to enjoy and for lovely memories of an incredible day.

Thank you Gloria for pulling my name out of the hat! One of the most memorable days of my life.

Joan Steed & Jacqui Hodgkinson

The Leprosy Mission

It has been announced that donations to the Leprosy Mission given between June and August (inclusive) this year, will be doubled by the UK government if it is for leprosy in Mozambique. It seems a wonderful opportunity not to miss, even if the money only goes to one particular place this year. If you are willing for your donation to go to this project, Andrew and Alison Parker have kindly agreed to allow supporters to take their donations to the Post Office, as long as it is clearly named and by 20 August. (The sooner the better please, as the money has to be counted and paid into the bank). If you would like your donation collected, please ring **Mary on 07765 671844** or **Barbara on 01629 636601**. We will still have our annual meeting on Wed 23 September, this year at the Methodist Church, where we will again be able to buy Christmas cards, calendars etc and hear Pamela Levens talk to us.

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Mrs Wood hangs up her school apron for the last time

Later this month Mrs Heather Wood, the long-serving Head Cook of All Saints, serves her final school meal.

When I told my son Arthur that I was going to interview Mrs Wood for the Bugle his face lit up and he said "she makes the most beautiful meals!" This response is not uncommon, since she's loved by pupils past and present – not only for her delicious meals, but because she is approachable, warm and calm.

We conducted our interview whilst she stirred pots, filled baking trays, chopped and peeled... she was in complete control of her kitchen and this is not surprising as she has made over 270,000 school dinners since 1992!

Mrs Wood's own school days were happy. She excelled in needlecraft, drama, art and of course cookery! She went on to train as a professional chef at the Peacock at Rowsley. She cooked for the 'Oven Door' in Baslow and at the 'Cheesecake' in Wirksworth.

In 1992 she applied for a job at All Saints as a relief classroom assistant, whilst her two boys, George and James, were attending the school. She was successful and her career at All Saints began. Not long into this new role Mrs Bacon, the school cook at the time, broke her wrist. Mrs Wood was asked to stand in – and she has

worked in the kitchen ever since. Mrs Wood shared many happy days working alongside Mrs Bacon, Jill Carter, Avril Brindley, Sue Oldfield, Sarah Shimwell, Rachel Rhodes and the late Pam Stacey.

It's very telling that All Saints has one of the highest uptakes of school dinners in the county.

"Thank you to all my pupils, past and present, who have supported school dinners. Without them I would not have had a job!" said Mrs Wood.

However, she clearly does more than serve dinners. She knows all the children by name, their likes and dislikes, their different personalities. Their busy school day is punctuated by this delicious meal and chat over the counter with someone who is pleased to see them; what a perfect way to re-energise them for the afternoon! The children from farming

families have particularly enjoyed chatting to Mrs Wood in great detail about all the action taking place on their farms. "Over the counter we have milked hundreds of cows, lambed thousands of sheep and baled an abundance of silage bales!" she laughs.

Farming life is familiar to Mrs Wood. She has grown up on a farm and now lives on a working farm with her husband Robert.

I was interested to know what Mrs



Mrs Wood – has fed and nourished countless Youlgrave children.



Church Farm Recipe

Roasted Peaches

Ingredients

250g caster sugar
250ml fresh orange juice
Vanilla essence
100g sultanas or walnuts or both
5 peaches
50g softened butter

Method

Put 150g of sugar into a heavy based pan with 3tbsp water and dissolve over a low heat. When the sugar is completely clear increase the heat and cook for about 5 mins to a light caramel.

Remove from the heat and stir in the orange juice. Set aside to cool until thickened then stir in the sultanas and nuts.

Peel the peaches and brush with the melted butter, then roll the peaches in the remaining sugar so that they are well coated.

Place the peaches in a roasting tin and spoon over the caramel. Roast for about 30mins or until the peaches are softened but still whole, basting them with the caramel juice.

Remove from the oven and cover with tin foil. Cool before serving with cream or ice cream.

This recipe also works well with pears.
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Marjorie Shimwell

Wood thought of school dinners and how they have changed over the years. She has great respect for Jamie Oliver who presented a documentary in 2005 where he attempted to improve the quality and nutritional value of school dinners. This led to a huge campaign called 'Feed Me Better' which changed school dinners dramatically. Mrs Wood has welcomed healthy modern recipes and likes to cook 'from scratch'.

"The children's favourite day is Wednesday – roast dinner day" she explained. "The favourite desserts for the last 23 years have been chocolate cracknel and cornflake tart," she added.

She has delighted in the children over the years. One of her funniest memories is of a child who was chatting about his forthcoming birthday party to his friends in the dining room. Then Mr Snow (the then Head Teacher) walked in and said: "I haven't received my invitation yet!" To which the child answered: "It's Fridee night at Bulls Hed, upp steps." When Mr Snow left the dining room the child turned to his friends and said: "Dunna worry lads, I've told him wrong nate!"

Lastly I asked Mrs Wood who does the cooking at home, to which she swiftly responded "Always me! But I've never repaired the car!" Robert will be pleased to have her help on the farm and they are going to manage a holiday cottage together. She will also get to spend more time with her parents. But for the rest of us 24 July will be a sad day, saying goodbye to a wonderful school cook and friend to our children.

We wish her every happiness for this new and exciting chapter!

Interview by Andrea Willans

A walk through Youlgrave: Part 3 – From Alport Lane to Church Corner

A look at the buildings and history of Youlgrave, with Gordon Coupe.

We start at All Saints primary school by the church gates. On our right is the recently re-named **Candlemas Cottage** (18th century) which adjoins an earlier 17th-century building that originally contained a cowshed with a hay loft over and a small cottage (Stanton Cottage) which in the 1920s was used as a draper's shop. Indications are that it was once a thatched building.

Stanton House was built in 1924, incorporating remnants of earlier 17th-century cottages. It is illustrated in an early Peak Park planning guide as a good example of coursed gritstone walling.

Lindon Cottage (Grade II listed) was built as a pair of cottages but is now one dwelling. It has been little altered since construction, retaining many of its original features. It was once owned by



Stanton House and Lindon Cottage

the Rowland family who were metal workers (tinkers) and they had a workshop in the front garden.

The **Reading Room** was built in 1857 on land donated by William Pole Thornhill of Stanton Hall at a cost of £200, which was raised by public subscription. It contained a large meeting room and a cellar, and had a small entrance porch on the north side. The building provided villagers with a much needed facility, as there was no village hall at that time. In those days many of the villagers did not have access to formal education and the building saw the emergence of an adult school and a library with the provision of newspapers. The library served until 1930, when the County Council opened a branch library in the village. Major refurbishment, including new toilet facilities,



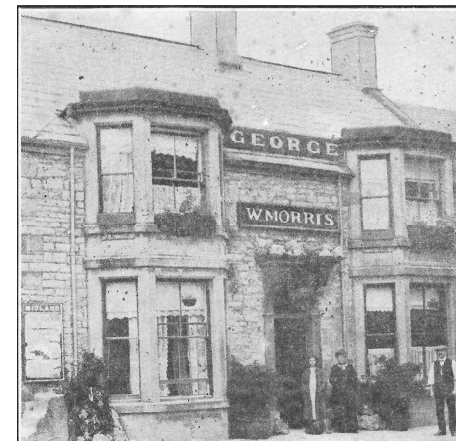
Youlgrave Reading Room

has taken place in the last few years, so that the building is once more a valuable village asset.

In 1870 a tap spot was placed on the western gable, and for many years a well dressing was sited there until it was moved to the north wall of the church.

Church Farm Cottage is a typical village building, now one dwelling but originally two cottages with an extension on the eastern end. The two cottages were amalgamated and one became a general store which closed in the 1960s. The extension was at one time a butcher's shop.

The **George Hotel** is an 18th-century building which some time prior to 1881 was called the Pig of Lead. The frontage was altered in the early part of last century by the addition of bay windows. A small window was also re-sited over the front door later. A horse mounting block is situated on the corner with Conksbury Lane.



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A promotional postcard for The George Hotel (from the early 1900s?).

Across Conksbury Lane from the mounting block (facing east) is a Grade II listed, traditionally late 18th-century cottage with a stone slate roof and having only minor alterations. It is believed to have been formally the Swan Inn.

Editor's note: The history of All Saints Parish Church will be covered separately in a future issue.

Youlgrave historical exhibition

At the end of August there will be a 3-day exhibition of several historic church documents, as well as illuminated 'tours' of the 14th century roof carvings. This will take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend, (29-31 August) in All Saints Church, Youlgrave. It will include 'before' and 'after' plans of the 1869 re-development of the inside of the church and spot lit views of the roof carvings, helped by mirrors. There will also be a quiz for children! If you have any historical documents, photographs or artefacts about the church that you would be willing to lend for this exhibition, please contact Gordon Coupe on 01629 636411. The exhibition will be stewarded so anything lent should be quite safe. Offers of help gratefully received!

Remembering Roy and Joy Stubbs

The events taking place over the weekend 10-12 July (see page opposite) are to celebrate the lives of two people who did so much for the people of Youlgrave: Roy and Joy Stubbs. The event at Granby House will have lots of memorabilia of particular interest to those of you who knew them. Roy loved the music and poetry events in the garden and I know would be so delighted to know the three women from The Bird Scarers are continuing the tradition. So do come - and bring a chair! There will be wine and soft drinks. The Bird Scarers have been described as *'Three generations of self penned and traditional songs, with raw energy and close harmonies.'*

The Jazz Brunch will feature pianist Dorian Ford, who also knew Roy. There will be great food by Peak Feast and great music by Dorian before he goes to the Edinburgh Festival and then later the London Jazz Festival. Dorian has been described as *'a highly versatile and individual talent.'*

Tickets available from Hollands shop. PLEASE book so that Dawn will have an idea of catering numbers! Thanks, Maggie

Hannah Bowman Way

Since the official launch in April Peak District Rural Housing Association (PDRHA) have let four of the houses. The joy of the new residents as they explored their new homes was a delight - it made all the hard work worthwhile. The only hiccup has been the difficulty some have had securing a mortgage on the shared ownership properties. The need is there because we have plenty of eligible applicants, but if building societies are going to treat equity-sharing in such a risk-averse way, the drive to provide the amount of affordable housing the country needs will fail. So PDRHA will turn two of the shared ownership properties over to renting. This can now be done because the budgeted figure has already been achieved on the other two.

So, in its first two years Youlgrave Community Land Trust (YCLT) has brought £1.2 million of investment to the village. People have commented how good the houses look in the street scene. The new residents of Hannah Bowman Way will bring new life to Youlgrave, strengthen the local economy and support the school. They all come from the village and one new resident commented that she had grown up with four of her new neighbours. We warmly welcome them to their new homes.

David Frederickson, YCLT Chair

Conksbury Community Orchard

As you know, the large open space on Hannah Bowman Way will be managed as a community orchard by YCLT. It is important to point out that the other two green spaces at the entrance to the road are not part of the orchard and will be maintained by PDRHA. Youlgrave School will play a full part in the project and a number of people have offered to sponsor a tree in memory of a loved one. There is lots more potential for such sponsorship if anyone would like to remember someone in this way. Currently, we are planning the autumn's planting activities and applying for grant assistance for the project. So we hope that many of you will want to get involved.



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“Worst case of fly tipping” reported in Youlgrave

The following is a conversation which took place as I was sitting in my garden one Saturday afternoon a few weeks ago.

A lady called out and attracted my attention: “Are you Brian from the Parish Council?”

“Yes, how can I help you?”

“I’m from Matlock Bath and I love walking round here most Saturdays, but I’ve just witnessed the worst case of fly tipping I’ve ever seen.”

“Oh yes, what’s that?”

“Someone’s dumped a shed.”

“Where exactly is that?”

“Down the lane where the cafe used to be and the path goes over the bridge and up the hill.”

“Oh dear. Is it on the village side of the river or the other side?”

“No it’s actually in the river, wooden shed sides and masonry.”

“It’s OK, it’s only the wooden boards for the well dressings soaking so as to keep the clay moist when the construction starts a week on Monday. If you come up in two weeks time you will be able to see the wells dressings. But get here by about 1pm as the roads are closed while the procession takes place. Oh, and bring a camera...”

Brian Wardle

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Chairman’s Report, Middleton & Smerrill Parish Council

During the past year the Parish Council met a total of six times, during which time a total of nine planning applications were considered and responded to.

The ownership of the Village Hall continues to be unresolved. However a fresh initiative is underway in an attempt to revitalise discussions regarding future ownership and tenancy. The Village Hall is now registered as an asset of community value, which prevents its sale without notification to the Parish Council. Some work has been done in maintaining and improving the Village Hall.

During the year the Parish Council obtained official title of various sites within the village, including the Village Hall, playground and buildings with picnic area, and Bateman’s Tomb. This ownership now opens up opportunities to claim grants for upkeep and repairs. We have already started work on Bateman’s Tomb and further grants are being pursued.

We have continued to chase the County Council regarding the poor state of the roads and regularly report potholes, but with little effect. Road sweeping and footpath maintenance is becoming less available, but we try to ensure our fair allocation.

Following discussions last year regarding the future maintenance and care of the Sites of Meaning, the Parish Council has declared its intention of taking over the maintenance, with some repairs having already been completed.

The Village Hall Committee provided teas in the Village Hall during the Well Dressings weekend and again made a

very useful contribution to our funds. Our thanks to everyone involved.

The precept was set at £3,000.00 which will go towards the increased costs of salting roads in winter and maintenance of village assets.

During the course of the year council managed to maintain its reserves for potential Village Hall improvements. Our appeal to raise funds to purchase a defibrillator was relatively successful and with further contributions from the Parish Council and Village Hall funds, a defibrillator has been purchased. The telephone box has been donated to the Community Heartbeat Trust to house the defibrillator and BT will also continue to pay the electricity costs. Overall a

good outcome and our thanks to everyone that donated.

A new website has been developed for Middleton by Youlgrave at www.middletonbyyoulgrave.org.uk.

Thanks to Jack Aston and Peter Tapping for their time and effort in getting this website up and running. This also allows us to publish all Parish Council announcements digitally, which is a new requirement. Any local businesses, individuals or organisations that wish to be mentioned are welcome and should contact the clerk.

Finally, our thanks to everyone involved in all of the fund raising events and maintenance of the village, and all councillors and the clerk for their time and effort during the past year.

*David Mallaband
Middleton & Smerrill Parish Council*



Bateman’s Tomb



My favourite book

Our new series which asks Youlgrave residents for their favourite bedside read continues with **Irene Shimwell** who tells Andrea Willans about *Shantaram* by Gregory David Roberts.

Shantaram is a semi-autobiographical book written by Gregory David Roberts. It's the supposed story of a period in his life which is presented like a thriller. Some parts of his story are absolute fact and a narration of real life events, while there are others that are probably fiction.

In 1978, Roberts was sentenced to 19 years imprisonment in Australia after being convicted of a series of armed robberies for which he wore a suit and always said "please" when demanding money. This led to the press dubbing him the "Gentleman Bank Robber". In July 1980, he escaped from Victoria's Pentridge Prison in broad daylight, thereby becoming one of Australia's most wanted men for the next ten years.

Lindsay (aka Roberts) arrives in Mumbai, with a fake passport, on his way from New Zealand to Germany. He decides to stay in the city, where he meets Prabaker whom he hires as a guide. They become friends and visit Prabaker's home village where his mother gives Lindsay a Maharashtrian name *Shantaram* meaning "Man of God's

peace".

While returning to Mumbai, they are robbed and he is forced to live in the slums, which shelter him from the authorities. There he establishes a free health clinic dealing with a cholera outbreak and leprosy and also spends eight years in the Bombay Mafia working as a money launderer, forger and street soldier.

He finds time to learn Hindu and Maharathi, fall in love and is mistreated in an Indian Jail. He acts in Bollywood and fights with the Mujahedeen in Afghanistan running guns to fight the

Soviets.

He was rearrested while acting as a Mafia courier, smuggling heroin into Germany, extradited to Australia and re-imprisoned.

Amazingly, Roberts wrote *Shantaram* three times after prison guards trashed the first two versions. I, for one, am very glad he did. Read it and see for yourself what a brilliant book it is.

Do you have a favourite book you would like to tell others about? Please get in touch with the Bugle (contact details on the inside back page).



PRESENTS

Music for a Summer Evening



Saturday 18 July, 7.30pm, All Saints' Church, Youlgrave

Tickets available from Youlgrave Post Office or on the door. Adult £6.00, Under 12's £4.00 (includes refreshments)

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

On Good Friday a fun event for children was held in All Saints Church. A grand total of 40 children turned up, with many mums, dads and grandparents! We started with lively action songs and even the mums and dads joined in. This was followed by a number of activities which everyone took a turn in doing: painting Easter eggs, making Easter cards, making rice crispy buns, ringing hand bells, making an Easter garden and not forgetting handling Larry the lamb, brought by Lisa and family. We ended with an Easter egg hunt and everybody seemed to go home happily clutching their made activities AND an Easter egg. Many thanks to everyone for coming.

Our next children's event will be a HARVEST EXTRAVAGANZA on Saturday 3 October. Look out for details in September's Bugle.

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Thank You

To everyone who helped us make this year's well dressing catering such a success; the small army of cooks – too many to mention - who made, and donated, the delicious home-made cakes; the local businesses who supported us (Holland's Butchers, Amy's Dairy, Peak Feast and Brenda Harrop); those who helped us run the 'tea room' at the village hall; and to you for coming along to sample a cake (or two!).

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To the Youlgrave Bowls Club who kindly made a donation towards the up-keep of the Defibrillator at the Village Hall.

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Youlgrave Wildlife Notes: June 2015

There has been an interesting mixture of wildlife reports this month, recording birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects and wild flowers.

Watching Peter Scott's "Look" TV programmes as a child I was entranced by the call of the curlew that introduced each programme, though it was many years before I actually saw one. This month I have had several reports of curlew flying over the village, either as a single bird or, on one occasion, seven birds

together. Birds of prey have done well with peregrine falcon, sparrowhawk, kestrel, buzzard and hobby seen. The hobby is the first report I have received for the village. This small swift-like falcon typically chases swallows and martins or dragonflies. There have been reports of red kites at Bonsall and Priestcliffe, so worth watching out for.

The jackdaws have been giving some spectacular and noisy flying displays. About 200 were estimated at one count. Redstart and pied flycatcher have been seen recently near where the riverside road goes up towards Greenfields. Goldfinches, greenfinches and families of blue tits have been particularly numerous around the feeders.

There have been two reports of water voles above Braemar bridge. The first was on the 8 June, then I saw one on the 20th. I was looking for water voles signs and had both grazed vegetation and a pile of poo in my binoculars when a vole actually swam into my field of view. I was also sent a very good photo of a bank vole or field vole taken just above the Holywell Lane clapper bridge.



Southern hawker dragonfly

The wildlife value of garden ponds was clearly demonstrated with a report of southern hawker and broad bodied chaser dragonflies seen actually hatching from their aquatic nymph stages into the adults. There were also the more delicate damselflies around the pond. The same pond contained frog tadpoles with back legs and newts. Near the pond young and mature slow worms were both active.

My pre-writing walk on the 22nd recorded 64 species of plants in flower and a lovely view of a spotted flycatcher. Flower highlights were the nationally rare spring sandwort and the water crowfoot that is starting to bloom in large patches on the river.

My thanks to Simon, Ruth, Keith, John and John, Cath, Mike and the New Road Birders for their observations and photographs which have added so much to this article.

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Report on Christian Aid 2015

About 50 people gathered in the Reading Room on 10 May to support the Christian Aid lunch and enjoyed home made vegetable soup and simply delicious desserts, all generously provided by most of the people there. It was good to see it so well supported.

Then on Thursday 14 May a café from 9am to 1pm was also held in the Reading Room and to start with we welcomed a group of Mums, having just dropped off their children at school and playgroup. They decided to support Christian Aid by drinking lots of cups of coffee, eating calorie filled cakes and sitting nattering for ages! Thanks to you all for coming. You know who you are! We made about £140. During the previous weeks quizzes had been sold in Youlgrave, Birchover and Stanton, making approximately £36. Altogether, these three events raised £397, a good start to the week of envelope collecting.

Thanks to all who helped and donated and especially and those who delivered and collected envelopes to every house (and farm) in Alport, Birchover, Middleton, Stanton and Youlgrave. This can sometimes be a difficult and thankless job. We raised a total of £1951.58, more than last year, which was a wonderful achievement, considering there was the worldwide appeal for the Nepal disaster, just before Christian Aid week. So well done and THANK YOU ALL! (Sorry this article is a bit out of date, but we missed the Bugle's last month's deadline!)

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Tuesdays	Yoga with Iris Pimm (636341), The Barn, Greenfields Farm, 7-9pm
Tuesdays	Youlgrave Bell Ringers practice night, All Saints Church, 7.30-9pm
Tuesdays	Scouts 7-8.30pm, Scout & Community Hall
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Weds	Art class at Youlgrave Reading Room, 10am, with Diane Kettle (636763)
Weds	Bingo, Youlgrave Reading Room, 7.30pm
Weds	Beavers & Cubs, 5.30-6.45pm, Scout Hall, 7.45pm (term time)
Thurs	Yoga with Iris Pimm, 9.30-11.30am
Thurs	Beginners class 7-8.30pm, The Barn, Greenfields Farm (636341)
Thurs	Art class at Youlgrave Reading Room, 2-4pm, with Diane Kettle (636763)
Thurs	Youlgrave Silver Band, Methodist School Room, 7.30-9.30pm (learners at 7pm), all welcome
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2nd Fri	Mobile Library, Grove Place 3.30-4pm
4th Wed	Confidential Advice Sessions with Matlock & District Citizens Advice Bureau, Youlgrave Medical Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm

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